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Editorial

CAN AMERICA TRAIN JEWISH SCHOLARS?

Where is America going to get her Jewish scholars, and how can we replace those that we lose? These questions loom up like insoluble riddles as we record the death of Henry Malter, Ph.D., Professor of Rabbinical Literature at Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Literature, in Philadelphia, who recently passed away.

Professor Malter died a young man - fifty-nine years of age. He was one of the greatest Arabic scholars in the world, and one of the few genuinely great Jewish scholars in the field of Jewish philosophy and rabbinics. His "Life and Work of Saadia Gaon," published in 1921, is one of the finest expositions, not alone of this great mediaeval Jewish philosopher, but also of Arabic and Jewish philosophy of Saadia's time. Malter, fortunately, had just completed for publication the manuscript of his English translation and critical notes on the Tractate Taanith, which was to be the first of a series of the Tractates of the Babylonian Talmud which he was to edit, so that the "Sea of the Talmud" might become navigable by modern scholars. From 1902 1907 he was professor at the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and in 1909, when Dropsie College, the only Jewish institution in America for graduate Jewish studies was founded, he became professor of rabbinical literature in the new institution, and remained in this chair until his untimely death occurred recently.

In the last few years Jewish scholarship in America has lost a veritable host of great men—Schechter, Fredlaender, Deutsch, Halper, Neumark and, now, Malter. The Jewish scholars of their *genre* who are left in America can now be counted on the fingers of both hands. There comes to mind the names of Ginsberg, Marx, Kohler, Margolis, Davidson, Lauterbach, Buttenweiser, Mann and, perhaps, one or two others—and the list is exhausted.

All of these men, dead and living, are European-trained products. They came to America and helped to create in America a centre of Jewish learning and scholarship. Now that half of them are gone, how are we to replace them?

Professor Malter used as the motto of his "Life and Work of Saadia Gaon," the following quotations from Saadia's "Sefer ha-Galui":

"God does not leave His nation at any period without a scholar whom He inspires and enlightens, so that He in turn may instruct and teach her, that thereby her condition shall be bettered."

Would that the facts proved Saadia's word to be truly prophetic. Unfortunately, as I survey the field of Jewish scholarships the world over, and more especially in America, it would appear that the number of truly great Jewish scholars is growing smaller by every death. No one is replacing them, and the problem, how can they be replaced, is a serious one. Not buildings nor endowments nor physical splendour make a seat of learning. They may help, but it is scholars and scholarships that are the primary requisite.

America has not produced in the close to 300 years of Jewish settlement, a single Jewish scholar who is either the equal or even comparable to Malter, Neumark, Deutsch, Fredlaender, Halper or Schechter. All of these men were the outgrowth of the *milieu* created by European Jewry and Judaism, and more especially of east European Jewry. It was in Galician, Polish, Russian and Roumanian Chedarim and Yeshibas, that these men and their equals received their basic training. As students in their early youth, they were in their vicinities hailed as *iluys* and *mathmidim*—e.g., for their fine minds and eager scholarship. After a brilliant career in the Yeshibas they took their rabbinical ordinations, and then it was their practice to go to some one of the German universities and the Hochschule for Jüdisches Missenschaft at Berlin, where they received their secular knowledge and training in scientific research. In a few years they had completed both the Hochschule and received their Ph.D. degrees at the university and were ready for a career. Teaching positions in Jewish institutions of higher learning in Europe were few and far between. Some, like Neumark and Deutsch, accepted rabbinical positions in small European communities. There they continued their teachings and published their contributions from time to time, in scientific Jewish reviews. Others starved and studied like Malter. Then positions opened up in America. The Hebrew Union College called Deutsch, Malter, Neumark, Lauterbach and Mann. The Jewish Theological Seminary was reorganized, and Schechter was called to be its head. He, in turn, called Ginsberg, Fredlaender and Marx. In this way, great Jewish scholars came to America. Here they lived and laboured, and, with other Jewish scholars, created in America the only seats of Jewish learning that we possess. Of those who have passed to the Academy on High, all with the exception of Schechter died before they had attained the age of sixty-five. And it is a self-evident truism to say that American Jewry is the poorer spiritually for their loss. But, poignant as the loss would be, it would be bearable if they could be replaced.

America for evident reasons does not seem to be fertile soil for Jewish scholarship. Our Jews and Judaism are but European Jewries and Judaism transplanted. Immigration was the repairer of our breaches, and our salvation for the losses we sustained by assimilation. Every new wave of European Jewish immigration supplied us with fresh material, spiritually as well as numerically, so that we did not notice our failures to produce the men whom we required to teach our rabbis and keep the torch of Jewish scholarship lit. With the cessation of Jewish immigration to America in what seems to be not a temporary, but a permanent condition, and the passing away of our great scholars, we are waking up to a condition of affairs that is indeed threatening our spiritual and cultural life.

Sadly enough, a similar condition of affairs will soon be threatening European Jewry because of the ravages of the war, which have destroyed the Yeshibas and Jewish schools, and annihilated Jewish communities. The war made the Jewish problem in Europe one of wandering and breadhunting, and in Russia, where over three million Jews live, the very pursuit of Jewish learning is regarded as counter-revolutionary, and is prohibited. When Jewish life in Europe is disturbed as elementally as it has been, there can be no thought of Jewish learning. The pursuit of learning requires economic stability. This no longer exists for the European Jew. Coupled with all this, we witness the permanent destruction of the Jewish Ghetto where Jewish learning was the ideal, and where the *lamden* (Talmudical scholar), and not wealth, was the mark of aristocracy and social distinction.

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Morris Kerner, son of Mrs. Otto Kerner, of Los Angeles, formerly of Montreal, will graduate in June from high school where he is making an excellent record, and will take up the study of medicine at the University of California. The rumor that he was concerned in an accident is entirely without foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Weisman (nee Marion D. Brotman) have returned from their honeymoon in Bermuda.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Cohen entertained in honour of their son, Harry Cohen, April 15. The guests included Fannie Slapheck, Annie Parinsky, Kate Mazur, Jennie Diamond, Esther Dorfman, Rose Weigensberg, Lillian Simcovitch; and Max Bloom, Arnold Goldberg, Sam Snyder, Moses Minsk, Gordon Blumenthal, Moses Weinston and Abe Kushner. Misses Bessie Cohen and Ida Engel entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Naimer and son, 1201 St. Urbain Street, who left to spend the Passover holidays with relatives in Philadelphia, will also visit New York and Atlantic City.

Ed. Barkoff has gone to New York and other points for a few weeks.

Hy. Sigman has gone to New York and other cities for a few weeks.

Ben Yaphe, Addington Avenue, has left for Atlantic City to attend the Bnai Brith World Convention.

Dr. A. Levitt has returned to Buffalo, after spending the Passover with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Levitt, 15-A Marlowe Avenue.

Mrs. Julius Cohen, Grey Avenue, has left to spend a few weeks in New York and Atlantic City.

John Levitt, Sherbrooke Street W., accompanied by Mrs. Levitt, has left to attend the International Famous Players' convention in New York City.

Mrs. D. Decker, Westhill Avenue, entertained on Monday evening, April 13, in honour of her daughter, Mrs. John Levitt, and Mr. J. Levitt, who are leaving to spend a few weeks in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Black, Bloomfield Avenue, Outremont, entertained on Wednesday evening, April 15, with a literary and musical programme.

Mrs. J. Benewick, Girouard Avenue, has left for Utica, Syracuse and Rochester.

Mrs. H. Livinson, 462 Strathcona Avenue, entertained forty children at a birthday party, in honour of her two children, Miss Sonia and Lionel. Decorations were carried out in yellow and mauve.

Miss Adele Wolfe, of New York, was the guest of Mrs. Jay Wolfe, Prudhomme Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Rosenstone have just returned home from their honeymoon in New York and Atlantic City.

J. Myerson, 2299 Hutchison Street, entertained forty guests at a house dance, in honour of Miss Ida Siegler.

Mrs. Harry A. Singer and daughter left for New York and Atlantic City to visit their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gross, of New York. Mr. Singer will follow later.

Miss Violet Michaels is sailing for Europe on May 2.

Miss Ida Siegler who is to be married to Dr. Ariel Benzion, in England, is sailing on May 2.

Mrs. H. Glassberg, Deacon Road, entertained at an informal dinner in honour of her daughter, Clara.

Miss Sara Horwitz entertained informally, March 19.

Miss Anne Lerner spent last week-end in Toronto.

Mrs. Charles Tanner and daughter, Roslyn, of Ottawa, are visiting Mrs. B. Selinger, Esplanade Avenue.

Mrs. I. Kaplan, formerly of Yarmouth, now of Trenton, N.J., is the guest of Mrs. I. H. Kaplan, St. Joseph Boulevard.

Jess Ginsberg left on Tuesday for a four weeks' trip to Toronto, Hamilton, Buffalo and Detroit.

The young people of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue held a supper dance at the Edinburgh Cafe, Monday, April 20.

Moses Darabaner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Darabaner, 1497 Clarke Street, left for New York to study at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

Miss Rose Matts, Oliver Avenue, is spending a short time in New York.

Miss Sara Samuels, Stanley Street, has returned from New York, accompanied by her sister, Miss Ray Samuels.

Miss Clara Selinger, Esplanade Avenue, entertained twelve guests at bridge, Sunday, April 19, in honour of her sister, Mrs. Charles Tanner, of Ottawa. Prizes were won by Misses Sally Rudnikoff, Bessie Singer and Dora Steinberg. Mrs. Mark Garfinkle assisted the hostess.

Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity held a supper dance at the Mount Royal Hotel, April 18. The guests included Misses Hattie Adelstein, in white chiffon, embroidered in rhinestones; Reba Levinson, coral georgette; Isabel Sommer, green and gold lace; Mrs. Moe Kirsch, white cut velvet; Mrs. Harry Adelstein, blue chiffon, with pink hand-painted flowers; Mrs. Henry Kaufman, imported black velvet gown; Miss Adele Wolfe, of New York, flame chiffon; Etta Pinsler, white georgette; Mrs. C. K. Ripstein, white lace with ostrich feather trimming; Mrs. Leon Fischel, rose cut velvet; Mollie Bald, yellow chiffon; Mrs. Julius Block, midnight blue lace; Mrs. Bill Heillig, shell pink georgette; Emma Abbey, white chiffon; Edith Ziff, maize shaded georgette; Ruth Wener, white

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Leon Goldman, executive director of the Zionist Organization of Canada, has returned from New York, where he was called by the sudden death of his nephew, Dr. Moses A. Goldman, the 25-year-old son of Dr. Alexander Goldman.

Mrs. S. J. Levine, Deacon Road, entertained in honour of Miss Clara Glassberg. Bridge was played at two tables.

Mrs. Sandy Sammett, of Boston, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Saul Lerner, Mance Street.

Manuel Lewis, of Timmins, Ontario, spent Passover with his mother, Mrs. L. Lewis, Durocher Street.

A. J. Alexandor, Victoria Avenue, is sailing for Europe, May 2.

Percy Hermant, of Toronto, is sailing for Europe, May 2.

Conveners for the bazaar which will be held by Temple Emanu-El in the fall are Mesdames Gus Fischel, J. Kruger, D. Cohen and J. Lewinson.

Mrs. I. E. Hyman, Grosvenor Avenue, and daughter, Elsie, who are leaving for Europe on May 2, on board the S.S. Aurania, will be away about six months.

Beatrice Kay and her mother, Mrs. E. A. Kay, were in town for a week. Miss Kay, who took the part of Lady Jane in "Rose Marie," is the grand-niece of Leon Goldman.

Mrs. Israel Bernstein, Jeanne Mance Street, entertained at a dinner of twelve covers on April 14, in honour of Mrs. H. M. Bernstein and Mrs. C. Kaufman, of New York, who left for home on Thursday. Later, a reception followed for seventy-five guests. Mesdames George Freeman, M. Goldberg and Harry Kert assisted in serving. Messrs. Stark entertained.

Murray Gallay, of New York, who spent the past week in town, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gallay, has returned home.

Miss Sara Leavitt has returned home after a six weeks' trip to Detroit and Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Eisenstadt, and family, have returned to New York.

Sam. D. Endler, of Quebec City, was a guest at the Mount Royal Hotel, over the week-end.

Mrs. Paul Arnstein, of Roxbury, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pascal, Hutchison Street.

Miss Sophie Finkelstein, who spent the Passover holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Finkelstein, has returned to MacDonald College.

Mrs. I. Ortenberg, of New York, spent last week in town.

Mrs. Alfred Huffman, Havard Avenue, left for New York on Monday.

Mrs. Harry Kert, Park Avenue, entertained at a theatre party on April 15, in honour of her sister, Mrs. H. M. Bernstein, of New York.

Mrs. J. J. Daniels, Sherbrooke Street W., and daughter, have returned from Boston, where they were visiting Mrs. S. M. Morse.

Mrs. A. Shapiro, Quebec, is visiting Mrs. Jack Rosenbaum, Bishop Street.

Dave and Jack Goldstein are entertaining at a supper dance at the Mount Royal Hotel, Saturday evening, May 2, in honour of their sister, Miss Ada Belle Goldstein, whose marriage to Frank F. Lauria takes place May 12.

Among those who entertained in honour of Miss Anne Baker were Misses Dorothy Goldberg and Goldie Wolfe, linen shower at the Edinburgh Cafe; Mrs. L. Markus, 2651 Esplanade Avenue, kitchen shower; Misses B. Lipsey and Molly Rohrlick, 412 Laval Avenue, stag; Mrs. M. Levy, 5602 Park Avenue, bridge; Mrs. Godel and Miss R. Marks, 5579 Park Avenue, personal shower; and Miss L. Glickman, 1281 St. Urbain Street, tea.

Among those who are entertaining in honour of Miss Ada Belle Goldstein, whose marriage to Frank F. Lauria takes place next month are Mrs. L. Briskin, St. Joseph Boulevard W., mah jongg and bridge; Mrs. Marcus Auerbach, Victoria Avenue, mah jongg; Miss Bertha Lesser, Sherbrooke Street W., crystal shower, and mah jongg; and Mrs. Adolphe Gardner and Miss B. Glickman, Redfern Avenue, kitchen shower.

Miss Sylvia Schwartz entertained at the tea-hour on Thursday afternoon. Among those present were Misses Sophie Gittner, Anne Kruger, Lillian Goldberg, Mary Ashkaloney, Sara Horwitz and Mollie White.

Mrs. M. Seidman, 45 Nelson Avenue, Outremont, has returned from New York, after spending five weeks with her mother who was ill.

Miss Anne Fitch, Sherbrooke Street W., entertained at bridge on April 23.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Workman, Kensington Avenue, are returning from Florida.

Miss Esther Goldstein has returned to MacDonald College, after spending the Passover holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Leo Davis, accompanied by her daughter, Janet, Sherbrooke Street W., left for New York to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wasserman.

Mrs. Joe Rothschild, Sudbury, Ont., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Workman.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Freidman and son, Marlowe Avenue, have returned from New York.

Mrs. Ben Freidman and daughter, Ruth, Western Avenue, have returned from New York.

Mrs. Harry Shaer is visiting Atlantic City.

Miss Mae Hyams is visiting Atlantic City.

Miss Bertha Lesser, Sherbrooke Street W., returned on Wednesday from Detroit.

Jos. A. Dobrofsky has returned from a trip through Ontario.

Mrs. Julius Cohen, Grey Avenue, left for New York on Sunday.

Miss Dora Fineberg, Park Avenue, entertained at the tea-hour, April 17, in honour of Mrs. I. Ortenberg, of New York.

Mrs. S. W. Jacobs, Cote St. Antoine Road, is expected home from Baltimore this week.

A formal theatre party and supper dance was held at the Edinburgh Cafe, March 28, by the Social Club. Those present were Misses Anna Sandler, Florence Lazarus, Lily Ornstein, Ray Vilner, Ada Fink, Goldie Mauir, Kitty Levy, Ada Perlman, Goldie Zacaravitz, Mamie Abramson; and Moe Matlin, Herbert Ram, Moe Vilner, Saul Waxman, Joe Bordoff, Joe Lusher, Hyman Finkelstein, Sam Horowitz and Moe Aronson.

Miss Elsie Danziger, Beaconsfield Avenue, sailed on the "Montclare" to spend several months in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Strauss, of New York, who have been travelling in Europe for two years, were visitors in the city for a short time, prior to their return to New York. Mrs. Strauss will return shortly to spend two months with her sister, Mrs. H. Hart.

Mrs. I. H. Blumenthal has returned from New York, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Segal.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. Kalish announces the engagement of his daughter, Mildred, to Louis Kozlov, of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Rosenblatt announce the engagement of their daughter Lea, to Abe Kastner, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kastner.

Mrs. Pearl Pfeffer announces the engagement of her daughter, Sarah, 448 Henri Julien, to Isadore Goldberg, 642a City Hall Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Berger, 231 Esplanade Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tillie, to Jack Solomon, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Solomon, of Montreal.

Mrs. A. Grisman, of New York, announces the engagement of her daughter, Mildred, to Jack J. Stern, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Stern, of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Berger, 231 Esplanade Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Tillie, to Jack Solomon, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Solomon, of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Goldstein, of 2105 Esplanade Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Minnie, to Henry Miller, of Montreal.

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Tuesday, April 14, to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kazenel (nee Esther Liverman), a daughter, at the Homeopathic Hospital.

April 15, Youngstown, Ohio, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Henkin (nee Rose Weiner), a daughter.

At Montreal, Maternity Hospital, on April 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Malamud (nee Clara Shawl), a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. S. Ram (late of Liverpool, England), at the Homeopathic Hospital, on Saturday, April 18, a baby girl.

April 17, at the Medical Arts Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. L. Greenspon, 635 Wiseman Avenue, a daughter.

At the Homeopathic Hospital, April 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Smith, (nee Nettie Stattner), a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Goldberg-Baker

The marriage of Miss Anne Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Baker, to Lou Goldberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Goldberg, was solemnized at the Bnai Jacob Synagogue, April 23, Rabbi Berger officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white beaded gown with fur border, and her net veil was arranged in cap effect, with clusters of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of orchids and lilies of-the-valley. She was attended by Miss Dorothy Goldberg, as maid-of-honour, in geranium georgette beaded gown, with bouquet of tea roses. The best man was Hyman Baker. Bridesmaids were Misses Mary Baker, in peach georgette, Rae L. Marks, in green beaded gown, Goldie Wolfe, in cream beaded georgette and Bec Lipsey, in peach georgette. They carried bouquets of sweet peas. The groomsmen were Harry Goldberg, Aaron Cohen, Max Cohen and Mendel Goldberg. Ruthie Goldberg, in pink georgette, was flower girl. Sonny Glickman, in a Lord Fauntelroy suit, was ring-bearer. Dinner was served to 225 guests. The out-of-town guests included Mrs. G. Natovitz, of Bayonne, N.J., and Mrs. and Mrs. M. Solomon, of Passaic, N.J. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Goldberg are spending their honeymoon in western Canada, and will live in Montreal.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE

The marriage of Miss Brona Miller, 106 Pine Avenue E., to Samuel Lakow, 33 Rachel Street, will be solemnized at the Beth Judah Synagogue, April 23, Rabbi Herschorn officiating.

The marriage of Miss Sadye Lightstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lightstone, to Philip Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cohen, will be solemnized at the Bnai Jacob Synagogue, June 18, Rabbi Abramowitz officiating.

OBITUARY

The death occurred on Friday, April 10, of Abraham Feldman, husband of Sarah Feldman. He is survived by his widow, five daughters, Mrs. C. Weinstein, of Thedford Mines, Mrs. M. H. Cohen, president of the Sybil Cohen Chapter of Hadassah, Mrs. S. Goodman, Mrs. A. Weisman, of Montreal, and Mrs. Lou Weinstein, of New York; and one son, Dr. S. H. Feldman. Interment was in the Sons of Israel cemetery

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Brotherhood monthly dinner, Monday, April 27, at 7.15 p.m., lecture hall of the Temple, Sir Henry Drayton, K.C.B. and ex-Finance Minister of the Dominion of Canada, speaker.

Sisterhood, Monday, April 30, held an afternoon bridge and mah jongg party. Conveners, Mrs. J. Kruger and Mrs. Maurice Levi. Lady Foster, of Ottawa, will speak at the annual closing luncheon at 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 5, Lecture Hall.

Memorial Day exercises, always held under the auspices of the American Legion, Montreal Post No. 1, and the American Women's Club of Montreal, will take the form of a special religious service in Temple Emanu-El, Friday evening, May 29. The consular representatives of all the allied powers will attend. Rabbi Merritt will preach.

At New York, on April 16, Anna Alta, aged 4 years, daughter of Frances Ida Max Finestone. Funeral from William Wray's Chapel, 617 University Street, on Friday, April 17, at 2.30 p.m., to Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery.

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

Council of Jewish Women meets Sunday, April 26, at 3 p.m., in Community Hall; Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, Kensington Avenue entrance. Princess Cantacuzene, delegate from Roumania en route for Washington to the International Convention of Women's Councils, will speak. Husbands and friends invited. Tea.

JEWS DEBATE

Miss S. Blumenthal and S. Gold were among those who participated in a debate at the last meeting of the Cercle Français of the High School of Montreal.

YOUNG JUDAEA

Max Bernfeld will speak at the closing meeting of the Young Judaea Forum, at the Y.M.H.A., April 24. Ten Friday evening lectures were conducted by Young Judaea. Among the speakers were: Louis Fitch, K.C., Michael Garber, Lazarus Phillips, S. J. Rodman, Benzion Bernstein, Dr. A. O. Freedman, Rabbi J. L. Zlotnick and Otto Klineberg. A baseball league is being organized under the direction of R. Berzan. Plans are being made for the annual Young Judaea field day and picnic. The Daughters of Carmel Club are conducting a campaign among their members to raise money to buy land in Palestine.

IVANHOE LODGE

Ivanhoe Lodge No. 5, Knights of Pythias, received a visit from the Grand Chancellor, Gustave Dutaud, K.C., and the officers of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, on Thursday night.

The speakers were George Payne, M. Samuels and Capt. A. Miller.

On behalf of the Ivanhoe Lodge, C. C. Hershorn presented bouquets to Mrs. Samuels and Mrs. Glass. I. Mendelsohn was in the chair.

Six new members were initiated to the rank of page.

INTER-CLUB FORUM

The Jewish Inter-Club Forum, consisting of the Y.M.H.A., the Y.W.H.A., the Dufferin Graduates' Society and the Chevra Kadisha Young People's League, meet at the Y.M.H.A., 697 St. Urbain Street, Montreal, May 17, at 8.15 p.m. Mock trial, music and dance.

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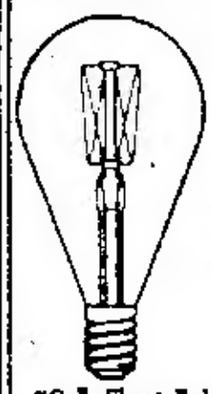
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The Brotherhood held its formal meeting at the Mount Royal Hotel, Monday, April 13, L. Adelstein in the chair. J. Beauchamp sang. Rabbi Berger spoke. L. Fitch introduced the speaker, Justice Greenshields, of the Supreme Court, who spoke on "What Mohammedanism Owes to Judaism." I. Popliger moved a vote of thanks. Final session of Sabbath School, Sunday, May 3. Examinations, Sunday, May 10 and 17, respectively, at 10 a.m. On Sunday, May 24, teachers meet to review the year's work and the standing of each pupil. Sunday, May 31, at 3 p.m., in the synagogue, closing exercises will be held. Prizes will be given.

Y.W.H.A.

A masquerade party was given by the Pandora Girls at the home of Miss Annie Yane, one of the members. First prize was won by Miss Dora Zaslove in an oriental costume. Refreshments were served, Miss Gertrude Bazar acting as hostess. Those present were Misses Annie Yane, Lena Trictor, Sadie Cohen, Sarah Segal, Milly Beckelman, Dora Kay, Anna Scholnick, Ida Shuter, Mary Rabinovitch, Celia Hirun, Rosylin Stern, Lily Silverstone, Ray Handleman, Bessie Elimelick, Dora Zaslove, Lily Berke, Ray Barrack, Elizabeth Goffman; and S. Abramovitz, A. Abramson, A. Arbess, E. Astrof, N. Astrof, N. Rabbins, M. Bessner, M. Brotman, M. Goldenberg, G. Harris, J. Kaufman, C. Lawrence, M. Michaels, F. Ralph, S. Ram, B. Siegal, B. Shenker, L. Ritz, R. Resin and M. Stein. The Starlit Junior Circle held a masquerade in the club-rooms. Miss F. Dreibon, as the Queen of Sheba, Miss A. Magdoff, as a gypsy, and F. MacDuff, as Rudolph Valentino, won prizes. Toasts, songs, also dances by Anita Magdoff, Miss B. Bosnack and F. Velman. Refreshments. A new junior club which meets in the club-rooms, Tuesday at 8 p.m., includes girls from fourteen to sixteen years of age, who are interested in sports and social life. Apply to Mrs. Bernstein, office, Tuesday evening. The swimming class meets Tuesday evenings at 7.30, instructress in charge. The gymnasium class in the Strathearn School is closed for the season.

The dinner of the New York Jewish Education Association recently, marked the beginning of its campaign to raise half a million dollars to establish a fund for Jewish religious education in honour of the fiftieth birthday anniversary in May of Judge Otto A. Rosalsky. Dr. D. de Sola Pool, of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, was the principal speaker at this function and devoted his address to a description of the need of our Jewish children for religious education, even if such instruction must for the time being be imparted in the local public schools after school hours. Dr. Pool is one of the few local Jewish ministers who is heartily supporting the project to utilize the schools for Jewish, Catholic and Protestant religious instruction as an experiment.

In the next few days dinners will be tendered to Saul Singer and William Goldman, the latter active in the affairs of the New York Federation of Jewish Charities, by representatives of the local garment industry. Mr. Singer, only twenty years ago a poor immigrant lad, is now a vice-president of the Bank of United States, a local institution founded and maintained by Jewish capital.

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Miss Bella Silverman, of Sudbury, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. B. Mendels and Mr. Mendels.

Miss Hattie Sugarman returned last Monday to New York City, after visiting for two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sugarman.

Chas. Lerman, who spent the Passover holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. Katz, has returned to New York. Mrs. Lerman will remain in Ottawa several weeks longer.

Miss Fannie Smith has left for Lynchburg, Va., to visit her sister, Mrs. Carl Fein and Mr. Fein.

Benj. Fox spent a few days of last week in Detroit and Toronto.

Miss Eva Abramson has returned after spending a few days with her parents in Kingston.

Miss Faye Zivian has returned after spending the holidays with her parents in Gananoque.

Mrs. J. Holzman was in charge of the Community Center tea room last Sunday, assisted by Misses Miriam Caplan and Anne Slonemsky.

Mrs. A. J. Freiman entertained last week at a tea dance at the Chateau Laurier in honour of her guest, Miss Dorothy Epstein, of Hamilton, who has returned home. Mrs. J. J. Marks was hostess at a formal house dance last Saturday night in compliment to Miss Epstein. The tea table, which was decorated with a basket of spring flowers and lighted mauve tapers, was presided over by Mrs. A. Rosenberg, of San Antonio.

FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Ottawa Jewish Community Centre, the furnishing committee, composed of J. J. Marks, L. Epstein, I. Ellenson, Mrs. A. J. Freiman and I. Zivian, was authorized to spend $1,000 in furnishings for the new headquarters at the corner of Rideau and Charlotte Streets. Chairmen of other committees appointed include: Finance, Mr. Michael Freedman; publicity, I. Zivian; campaign, Mrs. A. J. Freiman; forum, Rabbi M. J. Mintz; library circulation, Miss Anne Holzman; men's club-room, George Wolf; by-laws, I. Zivian. Arrangements were made for the construction of tennis courts.

PRESENTED WITH GOLD BADGE

At a Bnai Brith meeting at the Pythian Hall recently, Mde. Bertha Pinco was presented with a gold badge from the 39th Jewish Boy Scouts. As the wearer of the thanks badge signed by Robert Baden-Powell, Mde. Pinco can command the services of the Scouts in the Empire.

At the meeting of the local branch of the United Synagogue of America, held in New York last week, a number of speakers voiced emphatic objection to the movement now under way whereby religion is to be introduced into our public schools in the form of provision for religious instruction by representatives of various denominations of the children of their faiths after regular hours. Dr. Nathan Krass, of Temple Emanu-El, in a recent sermon, adopted the same position, denouncing the project on the ground that eventually it will make of the public schools of the city a forum for imparting training in a particular religion.

The new library and museum of the Jacob H. Schiff Centre in the Bronx was formally opened last week, as an incident of the campaign now proceeding for funds for the upkeep of this congregation.

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The Abyss

Grandmother stood at the window, mending a boy's coat. The coat could hardly be called a thing of beauty; there was so much patching in it that you could not distinguish the original material, though you looked with two pairs of spectacles. The room in which grandmother stood was of a piece with the garment; it was also made of rags, loam rags for the walls and flooring, straw and shingle rags for the roof.

Grandmother's arms felt very tired; she had been holding them up for half an hour before she had succeeded in threading her needle. Of course neither Yankel nor Yenta were at home to perform that office for her; they never were when she wanted them, and always when she did not- especially when they came back with empty stomachs, and found that the emptiness had become extended to the larder. Then Yenta would cry, and Yankel would slink into the nearest field and steal for himself a turnip. That was the manner of life they led, the three of them, and it was not a pleasant one. Grandmother thought so just now; she thought so at least three times in the day, at the hours which properly constituted households set aside for meals. And so it had been ever since her daughter and her daughter's husband had been carried off by the dread plague, which had made that part of the land a great charnel-house five years ago; and Yankel and Yenta and their poverty were the only legacy they had left.

It was Yankel's coat she was at work on. She was calculating; in four years he would be a Son of the Commandments, and would be able to earn a few kopecks by helping Mordecai, the peddler, carrying his packages through the neighbouring villages; and Yenta would be twelve, and could go into service, if only to black boots and polish the knives. That would be glorious—money coming in from all sides, at least ninety kopecks a week, and then Granny herself could live at home in luxury, instead of having to scavenge the little town for odds and ends of victuals, in scorching heat and drenching rain. It would be paradise to rest her brittle limbs, instead of trudging down to the synagogue and standing outside to wait for her dole, hustled and rough-shouldered by the other beggars. She would be able to hold her head high, on a level with other grandmothers whom God had given sons and daughters to keep them from the shame of charity bread. Patience, patience; she had waited for a little happiness so long—hundreds of years, perhaps—and now she had only four more to wait—a mere flea-bite of time, as one would say, and she was quite young yet, only eighty, and down in the village she knew three women who had been grandmothers when she was yet a girl.

Once more she took up Yankel's coat and looked to find a proper joining for a new patch. Hm! She must hold it a little higher to the light—it suddenly had got very dark—higher still—why, this was a curious thing; the higher she lifted it the less she could see—great shadows were floating down from the ceiling across her eye, across the sun, across everything—surely it was not the night! It could hardly be more than two hours past noon, for Yankel and Yenta had not yet come home for their meal Ah! something went snap, snap in her head, tearing her brain to tatters. There was just time for her to get to the straw pallet by the chimney—and there she lay; her happiness had come to her sooner than she had thought.

Ten minutes after Yankel and Yenta came bounding into the room.

"Give us our dinner," shouted Yankel, at the top of his voice.

"Hush!" said Yenta, with her finger on her lip. There was a funny noise in the room—a husky rattle, or rather a bubbling as of water through a blow pipe.

"It's only the old woman asleep," said Yankel indifferently. "Heigh, there!" he shouted. "Leave off snoring and give us our dinner. What do you mean by sleeping in the middle of the day?"

There was no answer, save the continued bubbling. Angrily Yankel stepped to the couch and laid his hand on grandmother's shoulder; it felt stiff and edgey.

"If you don't get up instantly, I shall break the window, and then you will get toothache in your joints from the draught," he said.

This time there was a different answer. The bubbling changed to a long-drawn-out breath, half gulp, half sigh, and after that there was no more bubbling, and no gulping or sighing.

Yankel stepped round to the other side of the pallet and bent down.

"Look how white she is—and how her jaw droops, and she does not move or twine her fingers in and out as she always does when she sleeps," he remarked.

A thought had come to Yankel, and he uttered it with fluttering voice.

"Yenta, I don't think she's asleep. I think she is dead."

"Dead? What's that?"

"It means that she cannot give us any more dinners or go begging for bread and money," replied Yankel.

And then he sat down and fell into a reverie. He had never much loved this grandmother of his. She had given him too little food, and had made him say too many prayers. All day long it went. "Yankel, have you said grace after your meal, have you said the afternoon service? Yes? I don't believe you—say it at once—a little louder, I cannot hear you—it is the beginning of the month to-day, be careful to insert, 'May our remembrance rise.'" Or, again, it would be, "To-day is Mondays and Thursdays,"—though, of course, it could only be one or the other—"don't forget to say in full, 'And He, being merciful.'" Sometimes he had come home from the Talmud school fainting and famishing, and there had been nothing to eat, and all the answer he had received to his threats about breaking the furniture and pulling the house down was usually: "Sit down quietly and read a few psalms—that will mean another slice of leviathan for you when you come to Garden Eden."

And now he was safe against these admonitions; the old woman over there would never speak another word. A sense of ease and liberty came over him—he felt so free and independent. Now he need not say any prayers unless he wanted to and that was quite a different thing to saying them under compulsion. Now he would sleep as long as he liked, and would not be aroused by the hateful cry: "Yankel, Yankel, do you wish to say the 'Hear, O Israel' after the permitted time?" He could not have desired anything better, and Yankel felt inclined to jump feet into the air with delight—and jump he did with a sudden thought which had pricked him that instant. Now that his grandmother was dead he would have to say the Kaddish, the Mourner's Sanctification, for her during a whole year less a month. That was terrible—it meant getting up soon after daybreak, going to the synagogue twice and sometimes three times a day, and sitting through the whole weariness of the services. He knew how it would be. In the morning, just as he was turning over on the other side, the Belfer, the congregational factotum, would come and call through the window: "Yankel, it is time; come to prayer if you want your grandmother to lie at rest in her grave." And perhaps the snow might be piled outside as high as the lattice. And in the afternoon again, just as he was in the very heat of his games with the other boys, some officious housemaster, going along to the synagogue to make the quorum of ten, would seize him by the nape of his neck and drag him along, exactly as had been the case with Lemmel Twitchka when he lost his father. And Lemmel had confided to Yankel that his sufferings during that year had been terrible, and it was nothing short of a miracle that he had not followed his father in the course of it. What did Yankel care whether his grandmother was at rest or not? On the contrary, to pray for her would be doing her an injustice. She had done enough praying and sanctifying during her lifetime, and one ought to give her a chance of seeing whether she got into Paradise on her own merit sor through adventitious help.

But something must be done to avoid the tribulation hanging over him. He thought for a little while, and then rubbed his hands with glee. It was so very simple—all he would have to do was to go to another village where nobody knew that he had ever had a grandmother, and nobody would care whether he prayed for her or not. The only thing was to induce his sister Yenta to come with him. He would not leave her behind, because he was so fond of her and he did not know if she would be willing to risk the adventure of making for a strange place of abode. But he would manage her.

"Yenta," he said, "we must go away from here."

"What? And leave her?" answered Yenta, pointing to the still figure on the straw. She had been gazing at it all the time, trying to recognize in it the grandmother she had known. Finally Yan-

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Lazarus Cohen was elected president of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue; Jacob Cohen, parnass; M. L. Morris, treasurer; S. Kellert, secretary; trustees, F. Ship, L. Goldman and E. L. Rosenthal. J. C. Silver, treasurer, and H. Roman, trustee, retired from the board. Staff of the Baron de Hirsch school: W. H. Baker, Mrs. Baker, Misses Beatrice Baker, Gertrude Boon, Bertha Valinsky and E. M. Gordon. The course of lessons in Scripture and religious knowledge was the same as used in England and arranged by Dr. Alder, chief rabbi; the secular curriculum that of the schools under the Protestant Board of School Commissioners. Mrs. C. L. Freedman and family were at Little Metis. Misses Esther and Louise Jacobs, sisters of Mrs. S. Harris, MacKay St., returned to New York. N. and Jacob Fraid of Cornwall and their brother, L. Fraid of Gananoque, were in town. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Phillips of Cornwall were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Vineberg, St. Mark St. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mendels of Perth, Ont., were visiting Mrs. Charles Redlich, St. Famille St. Mr. and Mrs. H. Silverstone of Perth, Ont., spent the holidays with his mother. T. Lazarus of Philadelphia, visited his mother on Hutchison St. Mark Levine of New York visited J. Hirsch, MacKay St. Miss May Levinson was visiting her uncle, Joseph Levinson of Sherbrooke. S. Saxe presented prayer books to the four Jewish prisoners at the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary. They were acknowledged by Rabbi Kaplan, Jewish chaplan for Dominion prisoners.

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Miss Reba Goltman, St. Catherine Street West, visited her brother, the late Dr. A. Goltman, and Mrs. Goltman, of New York. Dr. Goltman was a graduate of McGill University, and of the University of Edinburgh, and was at that time a member of the Board of Health of New York City.

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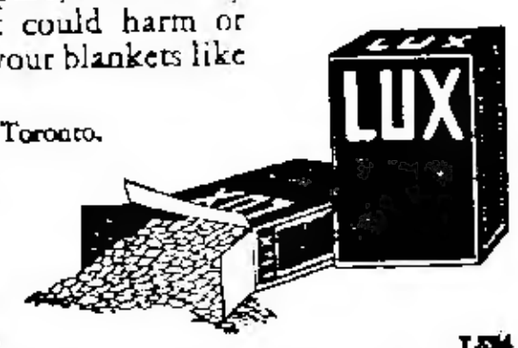

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what it meant to be dead, but from what she saw it must be something beyond the ordinary mysteries of life.

"Leave her? Of course," said Yankel, in matter-of-fact tone. "Why not?"

"Oh, she looks so helpless," said Yenta. "Suppose somebody came to do her an injury while we are away, she could do nothing to prevent it."

"That's just the very reason," explained Yankel sapiently; "she cannot help herself and cannot help us. We must go and find another grandmother, or else we shall go hungry all day—nay, all the year!"

Yenta saw the force of the argument and wavered. "Could we not find a grandmother in the village?" she asked, to compromise the matter.

"What, in our village?" echoed Yankel disdainfully. "What is the good of them? They are all deaf or blind, and besides they have each at least fifty grandchildren already. We must go to a big town, where there are plenty to choose from."

Yenta looked thoughtful. "Isn't it funny that we were born without a father and mother?" she asked at last.

"Oh, that's nothing," replied Yankel, with a great show of world-wisdom. "There are [illegible] of children like that; but [illegible]. We did, you see, and therefore we can go to the people and say: 'Give us a new grandmother.'"

"If we want, we might as well look for something better than a grandmother," said Yenta, taken with a new idea.

"What's that?" inquired Yankel.

"A father!" replied Yenta triumphantly; she was quite sure of producing an effect on her audience. "Don't you know, Yankel, that all the fathers in our village are strong, healthy men, who can work very hard, without wheezing and groaning as grandmother did when she had to do a little washing? And therefore they earn a lot of money, and their children always go about with their crops full. Don't you think it would be better to ask for a father?"

"To be sure," cried Yankel, heartily, almost forgetting the deceit he was practicing on her in the sincerity of his approval. "Come, let us start at once; it is only two thousand miles or so to next town, and we can walk that in a few hours. We should get there just in time for supper."

"Do you know the way, Yankel?"

"Of course I do—straight along the forest," replied Yankel, with great assurance. "And now let us see what we can take with us on the road."

He rummaged in the cupboard and found a chunk of black bread, and a piece of curd cheese that felt like a chip of white brick. Then they stepped into the open. When they had gone a few paces, Yenta stopped and said: "Wait a minute; I have forgotten something."

She ran back into the house, kissed the white face on the pallet, and put the large prayer-book into the stiff hands. She had been afraid to do so while Yankel was there; he would have laughed at her. And then, without another look, she hurried out to catch up with her brother, who had been walking on sturdily. The sunshine cast a golden haze over copse and hedge; the birds were chattering and talking scandal on the trees; and people remarked how beautifully they were singing; the butterflies were turning somersaults in the air for sheer delight. Everywhere there was gladness and life—everywhere save in the little home but which the two children had just left behind, and that contained something holier and godlier, for it was full of the angel of peace, who heals long-aching wounds and makes a truce between the angels of life and suffering.

Yankel and Yenta had been walking a whole hour, and the fatigue of the journey lay upon them heavily, and just then they reached the outskirts of the forest, where the sunlight rippled over the leaves, and made each one of them a smile of welcome.

"How cool it is here," said Yankel, flinging himself down on the fresh moss. "We may as well rest a little and have our dinner."

Yenta readily fell in with the proposal, and seated herself beside him; and when they had made away with all the provisions and a little bit of their appetite, they stretched themselves out lazily and luxuriously. They had not lain on so soft a bed for a long time.

"Yenta, if I fall asleep, be sure to wake me at once," murmured Yankel.

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"The Canadian Jewish Review, a few days ago, took occasion to refer to the salaries paid to Reform rabbis upon this continent. The editor stated that when the rabbis graduated from the Hebrew Union College they expected a salary of $4,000 to begin with, and more than half-a-dozen rabbis in America get $15,000 a year, and more than forty get $10,000 a year and upwards. But the Orthodox rabbi does not fare so well. He does not even receive a fixed salary, we are told, but must live as best he can on what he gets from weddings, funerals and other things. Just what the average salary will amount to the Review does not say, but it does not think it will compare favourably with the Reform rabbis. We Gentiles usually think of our Jewish fellow-citizens as knowing full well the value of the dollar, but it has escaped our recollection just how many Methodist preachers are paid $10,000 and upwards a year. We wonder if we Methodists grip our money tighter than do our Jewish brethren!"

The *Christian Guardian*, from which the above is taken, should wonder, instead, whether the Jew grips his money tightly at all after he has any amount to grip. The Jewish member of an Orthodox synagogue who provides poorly for his rabbi is no criterion of what Jews do with their money. He does not neglect his rabbi through parsimony, but from habit, that old-fashioned one, not exclusively Orthodox Jewish, of hoping that a man of God will be sent sufficient manna.

The Gentile view of the Jew as a money-gripper is taken from the poor man struggling to give his children food, home, education. If he hangs on to every dollar it is because he is paying off poverty with pennies, and the Gentile, unwilling or unable to suffer misery in exchange for a start, concludes that the Jew is miserly, grasping and too shrewd. When the Gentile looks to the well-to-do Jew he calls him not generous and open-handed, but an upstart who wants to show off.

The truth is that once the Jew has staggered up from hardship he does anything but grip his money. He gives to charity and education. He lavishes luxuries on his wife and children to the point of suffocation. They have too many clothes, too much jewellery, too much leisure and too much pocket money. As a result the children grow up without a sense of proportion, knowing nothing of the value of money or human energy. They must have every last bead and bangle, the newest car, the latest trinket, and the father is not the one to say them nay.

When these well-to-do young Jews marry, they start off with more than their parents have at the finish, but with none of the experience that makes for stamina, none of the discipline that moulds character, no great objective to strive for. They have nothing much but a high regard for the trivial, too much ease and an acceptance of bad taste as the proper thing, because they don't know any better. They are blasé without being sophisticated; they have no appreciation of the real beauty of life and they live for what they can see, buy, eat, wear. These spoiled people may have formal educations and university degrees, but they have not the love of learning, the hunger for achievement, the genuineness, the innate virtue, the ideals nor the seriousness of purpose that marked their pedlar fathers or grandfathers. If they have inherited more than they have the capacity to understand, it is because generous fathers, anxious to make the way easy, have made it too easy and the children too soft thereby.

Recently a Jew by the name of A. E. Lefcourt, retired garment manufacturer and real estate dealer, once a newsboy, gave his young son the deed to a ten-million-dollar building because he wants his son to have all the advantages which he was denied as a boy. All the advantages! That's a wide enough latitude for them.

In effective contrast to this is the will of W. M. Leeds, American Gentile millionaire, who died last month, leaving to his foster daughter whom he adopted as a foundling eleven years ago, "not more than one million dollars, which she is not to receive until the age of thirty-five years." Meanwhile she receives the interest on another million to be held during her lifetime. Mr. Leeds left a precious word with his foster-daughter when he wrote in his will: "Especially am I anxious that her mind be directed toward the condition and needs of the human family and that she may become interested and trained to engage intelligently in beneficial work to the extent that her means may reasonably allow and that as a child she be encouraged to make donations to good work."

Another effective contrast would be that of many an average, middle-class Jewish daughter with Abby Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Selected on a basis of the greatest display the prize would undoubtedly go to the well-to-do Jewish daughter rather than to the extremely wealthy Gentile girl. Miss Rockefeller's wedding next month to a young lawyer of modest means will not be at a club, hall or hotel, but in the bride's home with only relatives and close friends present, with only one bridesmaid and one male attendant. At the time of Miss Rockefeller's engagement the newspapers told how she had been reared to know the value of money and, perhaps, as Anatole France said, "the value of a drop of water and a crumb of bread." As a child her allowance was thirty cents a week and as a young lady her pin money rarely exceeded $2 a week. Even though only ten per cent. of this be true, it still speaks worlds for the good sense of millionaire parents, bringing up an heiress, that they taught her to practice little economies which the well-to-do Jewess would often scorn to consider.

Rabbi Krauskopf, of Philadelphia, who died in 1923, said in a will full of wisdom: "I have no worldly goods to bequeath to you, my dear children. And I would not have wanted it otherwise. I believe I have done my full duty toward you in having afforded you a good education, and in having set before you the example of a life consecrated to labour and earnest striving after the higher ideals. Even if Providence had chosen to bestow a fortune upon me, I would have regarded myself as having been entrusted with it solely as custodian for the benefit of others, rather than as a personal possession to be used by me and by my family."

This is unusual coming from a Jew, but Rabbi Krauskopf was an average, well-to-do, over-indulgent father. In the matter of dispensing dollars, at least to his children, the Jew can learn the most from the Gentiles. Not, indeed, of generosity or open-handedness but, strangely enough, of economic discipline and restraint to the point of austerity.

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Rivka says: "Yes, but no one ever says much about the children who sacrifice everything for their parents."

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The Abyss

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"I shall," replied Yenta, drowsily, and she had just time to see Yankel's eyes close before her own followed suit.

The chill of the evening dew shook Yankel out of his slumber.

"Yenta, Yenta," he cried. "Look, we have slept the sun to bed. Quick, let us hasten before it gets dark altogether."

Yenta leaped up with a start, looking round for the daylight, and only finding a faint streak of pale red glimmering in the west.

She shivered a little. "Don't you think we had better leave the forest and strike across the open fields?" she asked.

"Why, pray?"

"Because there might be gypsies or ghosts in the wood."

Yankel was just about to draw himself up and start blustering about his courage and her cowardice when his eyes fell on the lengthening shadows around, and he answered with a small voice:

"I think you are right, Yenta." So they went on a little way in silence.

"Isn't it dark?" whispered Yenta.

"What else do you expect at night time?" asked Yankel. "But it won't last long, the moon will be up presently." And he quickly swallowed the quaver in his voice before Yenta might notice it.

But, despite his prediction, the moon was very tardy in coming. The sky had rolled itself up in dense, hazy mists—not so thick as storm-clouds, but thick enough to give her considerable trouble in breaking through them. She could only make a little rift through which she peeped shamefacedly, and what could be seen of her pale face looked very pale and wan, probably with the exertion.

The two little travellers journeyed on, holding each other very tightly by the hand. They were keeping along a bramble hedge that seemed to stretch endlessly into the darkness.

"Do you really know the road?" asked Yenta breathlessly.

"Don't ask so many questions—come along," answered Yankel, savagely.

Then there was silence again for a little while, until Yenta, despite the risk of incurring her brother's displeasure, spoke up, just to see if her voice had not been frightened out of her entirely.

"Perhaps we shall not find a father, after all, to-night."

"You with your father!" broke out Yankel; "if we had gone only to find a grandmother we might have come across one already; fathers are much more difficult to get in these hard times."

And Yankel walked on faster, till suddenly he took it into his head to gaze back and see if the world looked so dark behind as it looked in front. No, it did not—a few yards behind him there was a patch of light against the hedge. What might it be? Anybody could have told that it was a little streak of moonshine that had struggled down through the fissure in the crack overhead. A minute after Yankel looked round again. It was still there, just as close behind, or a little closer! The rift was shifting.

"What makes you look around like that?" asked Yenta.

"Nothing, I thought—" And then Yankel was silent, and glanced back again. There it was, only it looked different now, and it was beginning to take shape; it resembled—what did it resemble? Yankel set his teeth firmly to bite his fear dead between them. Then he turned round once more, and this time he found out what it was.

"She is coming behind us," he whispered, breaking into a run.

"Who—what is?" asked Yenta quivering.

"She with a white face. Come, let us run; we can run faster than she. She could never catch us when she wanted to give us a beating."

And so they ran on with beating chests and flying breath. And when they had run across half the world as it seemed to them, Yankel looked again across his shoulder and a sob of terror broke from his lips.

"She is still following," he gasped. "She is close behind. She wants to catch me and drag me back to say the 'Mourner's Sanctification' for her every morning and afternoon. Faster, Yenta, faster!"

He gripped her hand harder, and whirled her along with him, until suddenly there was a squeaking, sucking noise under their feet, and the ground became soft and spongy.

"The swamp—the swamp," whispered Yenta.

"Is it the swamp?" cried Yankel, exultantly. "Then we shall escape her after all; she cannot follow us there or she will get drowned."

He looked around; the white face was still following; he gave a loud shriek, and grasping Yenta's hand as in a vice, dragged her stumbling in the soft morass and oozy slime. He knew just beyond it there was a lake, and in the water they could hide till the white face had got tired of looking for them. They must be approaching near it; the ground was getting softer and softer, and squelched and squeaked; already the waters were playing about their ankles; they would be safe soon. And suddenly a great watery abyss seemed to open before them; somebody was gripping them by the feet, dragging them down, down down—and then the placid surface closed up again, and looked innocent as if nothing had happened.

And so Yankel and Yenta found a Father that night—the Same who had bidden the moon paint the white face on the bramble-hedge.—Jewish Voice.

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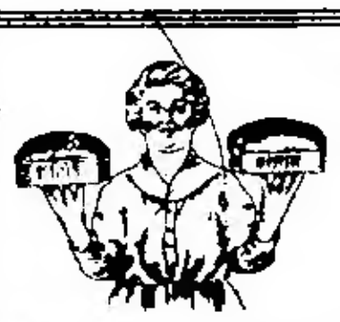

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Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman will lecture Friday evening on "My Faith in God," and Saturday morning on "The Origin and Significance of the Kaddish." The Sisterhood will attend Rabbi Isserman's reception in the synagogue chambers after the Friday evening lecture. Men's Study Group, Sunday morning, April 26, synagogue chambers. Rabbi Brickner, leader. Rabbi Brickner addressed the Men's and Women's Canadian Club in the public library, for the second time, in Galt, Monday evening, April 20.

JEWISH GIRLS' CLUB

At the supper at the Community House, April 19, given for the three senior circles who gave the two-day bazaar, proceeds of which, $500, was given to the Senior Council toward a payment on the Community House, a Girls' House Council was formed, the personnel of which is four members from each of the three groups. They will provide programmes for the Girls' Club and make certain decisions. Members appointed by the director were: Rebecca Hyman, Annie Hyman, Lena Gang and Bryna Babitch, of the Adelaide Girls; Fay Shrott, Rose Fisher, Tillie Zarnet and Bessie Gorvoy, of the Josephi Girls, and Pearl Hyman, Fay Cherkinsky, Lily English and Ida Horwitz of the Beatrix Circle.

A Junior Community Sewing League was organized with twenty-seven members. The League will begin by making garments for the children at the Mothers' and Babes' Rest Home. Members of the Sewing League are: Rebecca Hyman, Fay Cherkinsky, Anna Kellman, Anne Belfour, Marian Phillips, Blooma Babbib, Lily Vars, Rose Fisher, Anna Cohen, Tillie Zarnet, Lena Gang, Bessie Gorvoy, Annie Nyman, Bella Godirey, Mary Mann, Helen Davies, Lily English, Bessie Sable, Kate Shapira, Jennie Witrenberg, Ruth Walton, Maude Bochneck, Ruth Corvoy, Carrie Lieberman, Shirley Bellack, Mary Cohen, Becky Rensler, Pearl Minsky and Pauline Cohen.

The Evelyn Circle was entertained at afternoon tea at the home of their honorary president, Miss Evelyn Wilson, 146 Walmer Road. The table decorations were of orchid and yellow. Prizes were won by Ida Shulman and Rose Grober.

One hundred and fifty attended amateur night at the Community House, Sunday evening, April 12.

The Beatrix Circle staged their play, "Doctor Cure-All," twice at the Community House.

HERZL ZION CLUB

Sunday afternoon, April 19, Nat Turofsky was elected a member of Herzl Zion Club.

W. A. Irwin, assistant professor in Semitics, University of Toronto, spoke at the club-rooms, 210 Beverley Street, Sunday evening, April 19, on "Babylonian Myths and Hebrew Literature." Louis M. Singer will speak on "Citizenship," Sunday evening, May 3. Public invited. The athletic committee are making preparations to enter a soft-ball league.

APOLLO BOYS AND HASMONEANS DEBATE

The Apollo Boys' Club Club and Hasmoneans debated at the Brunswick Talmud Torah, April 19, on "Resolved, that the effects of the great war have been of benefit to Canada." Affirmative, Wineberg and Heller of Hasmoneans; Herman and Kirshenbaum, Apollos, negative. The judge was L. M. Singer. Negative won. N. Borinsky was chairman, and H. Scheff and D. Buckspan, supervisors. The attendance was about one hundred.

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Mrs. Grodnitsky, Petrograd, Russia, wants to locate relatives by the name of Belsky, last heard of in Ottawa. The family consists of a mother and two sons, Samuel and Elliott. Communicate with Mrs. Olga Freifeld, 10133 113th Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

BOOK AND SERVICE CLUB

The Pesach meeting of the Book and Service Club was held Sunday afternoon, April 12, at the home of Miss Thelma Weinberg, 480 Queen Street West. Raymond Card, of the Dickens Fellowship of Toronto, gave a talk on "Characters from Dickens." Miss E. Hackson, convener of booth at Purim bazaar, gave report. Club bridge, Thursday evening, May 7. Reservations with Miss E. Jackson, Main 0158.

JEWISH BOYS' CLUB WINS

On Friday, April 17, at the Y.M.C.A. Community Club oratorical contest, the Jewish Boys' Club, represented by Abie Grossman, took first prize.

HATIKVAH GIRLS

Hatikvah Girls are having a membership campaign for girls aged fifteen and over attending high school. Telephone Trinity 3774, Miss Fay Schekter.

TALMUD TORAH

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Toronto Hebrew Free School met Monday, April 20, in the auditorium of the Talmud Torah Building, Brunswick Avenue, Mrs. A. Levine presiding. Rabbi J. Gordon compared "The Life and Learning of Rabbi Akiba" with modern learning. Mrs. T. Seigel also spoke. Programme: songs, Miss Sylvia Kurtzer; violin solos, S. Zarnett and Isadore Slovan. Arrangements were made for the Lag B'omer play and concert in the auditorium of the Talmud Torah Building, May 12. Tickets were distributed by the secretary, Mrs. Shimerman, Trinity 3049-J. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Krasnow and Mrs. Olanoff, assisted by Mrs. Midonick and Miss Ginsberg. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. Ginsberg, Sunday, April 26, at 8 p.m. Ticket sellers report. Membership is open. Telephone secretary, Mrs. Shimerman, Trinity 3049-J.

Myer Prinstein, former world's record holder of the running broad jump, and winner of Olympic championships in 1900, 1904 and 1906, for the United States, died Tuesday of last week. He was forty-five years old.

Dr. Leo Baech, of Berlin, has arrived in New York. He will represent the German Bnai Brith lodges at the Quinquennial Convention of the Constitution Grand Lodge, the national organization of the Order, which is to take place at Atlantic City.

Murphysboro, Illinois, is the worst stricken of all the towns which were swept by the tornado. This terrible catastrophe resulted in the deaths of 201 people. There were also 700 people injured. Isaac Levy is the chairman of the Relief Committee there.

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Mrs. S. Lorie and Miss Lillian Lorie, Clarendon Avenue, returned home from Atlantic City on Friday.

Mrs. J. Singer and daughter, Kendal Avenue, are back from Atlantic City.

Mrs. S. Merker and Miss Helen Merker, Maple Drive, are leaving for Chicago, where they will visit Mrs. Nathan Schoenbrod.

Mrs. N. Rosenberg, Austin Terrace, entertained Sunday evening.

Mrs. B. Raz, Palmerston Boulevard, is visiting in Cincinnati for two months.

Mrs. Lester Miller, of Brooklyn, N.Y., is visiting Mrs. Israel Singer, Wells Hill Avenue.

Mrs. Jack Perkins, Palmerston Boulevard, returned home from New York on Monday.

Mrs. L. Levy, of Hamilton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Levy, Normanna Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Brody, Palmerston Boulevard, returned home from Preston Springs on Wednesday.

Mrs. N. L. Nathanson, Russell Hill Road, returned home from New York on Wednesday.

Miss Elizabeth Shear, Grace Street, spent the week-end with Miss Lillian Stoller, in Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sherman, of 94 Brunswick Avenue, have left to visit relatives in Omaha, Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles.

David Bloom, Crawford Street, has returned from the Maritime Provinces.

Miss Ruth Bookman, Grahame Gardens, entertained a few friends Sunday evening.

Joseph Cutler was visiting his sister, Mrs. B. Miller, the week-end of April 10.

Mrs. J. Wertheimer, (nee Theresa Schemnitz), of Cleveland, is the guest of Miss Jennie Papernick, Crawford Street, for the week-end.

Miss Mary Rosenfeld, Markham Street, entertained at bridge on Sunday evening.

Miss Sadie Gertzin, Euclid Avenue, entertained a few friends Sunday evening.

Luigi Compernill, tenor of the Chicago Opera, was the guest of Solomon Berkovitz, Spadina Avenue, for a week.

Dr. Maxwell Bochner, who was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bochner, Markham Street, has returned to New York.

Joseph S. Lavene, Normanna Avenue, is leaving Monday for a trip to the west.

Mrs. H. Rubin and children, Grimthorpe Road, have returned home from Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. J. Jacobs, Grace Street, entertained at bridge on Saturday evening in honour of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Bloom, of Rochester. Five tables were played and prizes won by Mrs. Shulman, Mrs. B. Samuels, and consolation, Mrs. Jack Samuels.

Mrs. S. Perlman, Hilton Avenue, entertained eighteen children on Sunday afternoon, in honour of her daughter, Shirley Joyce's, fourth birthday. Those present were Sylvia and Theresa Keyfetz, Clarice Mitchell, Helen Pivnick, Geraldine Perlman, Florence Blumenthal, Marcia and Phyllis Hansher, Cyril Rotenberg, Martin Ross, Irwin Blackstone, Nathan Levinne, Martin Factor, Milton Kates, Eugene Tozman, Sidney Cohen, Walter Cohen and Harvey Lipsitt. The mothers were entertained at bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rosenberg entertained at dinner on Sunday, in honour of the bar-mitzvah of their son, Benjamin. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wagman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Naiman, and Mrs. Prousky. Dorothy Prousky, Esther Garbe, Sarah Hootnick, Mary Wagman, Garfield Cass, Gerald Smith, Jack Elkin, Sam and Max Lightman and Sheldon Sutin were entertained on Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Bennett Sidenberg, of Detroit, has returned after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Sidenberg, Dovercourt Road.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Blumenthal and son, Regal Road, motored to Buffalo over the week-end.

Sylvia Goldblatt, of Owen Sound, spent a week with her sister, Mrs. I. Rothbart, Grenadier Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Israelson, of Chicago, are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Citron.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Zion and son, Alfred, have returned home from Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Schiller, of Montreal, spent the holidays with their parents, Rabbi and Mrs. M. H. Levy, Bathurst Street.

Mrs. Sam Shenkman, of Montreal, has returned home after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross, Bracondale Hill Road.

Miss Edythe Birnbaum, Huron Street, has left to spend a month in Mount Clemens and Detroit.

Miss Anne Singer, of Rochester, who was the guest of Miss Eva Rosenbess, St. Patrick Street, has returned home.

Dr. S. Perlman, Hilton Avenue, spent a few days in Windsor with his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. Cohen.

Miss Lillian Ross, Major Street, entertained at bridge on Sunday afternoon.

Ira Bloom and children, of New York, were the guests of Mrs. S. Bloom, Queen Street West, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Abramson, Beverley Apartments, are visiting in Kingston for a few days.

Mrs. J. Fox, of Rochester, and Thomas Bernstein, of Tennessee, were the guests of their sister, Mrs. B. Samuels, Manning Avenue, for a few days.

Mrs. A. Nashman and son, Gerald, of Regal Road, have returned home after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Goldin, of Hamilton.

Miss Reba Gollum, Baldwin Street, entertained Saturday evening.

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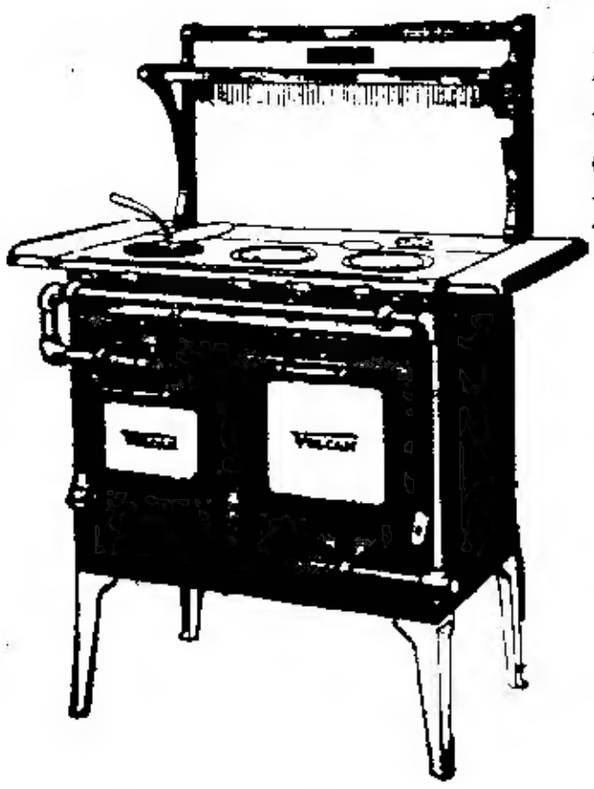

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Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bloom and daughter, of Rochester, returned home on Sunday after spending the holidays with Mrs. Bloom's father, Mr. H. Samuels, Clinton Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sapera, Humewood Court Apartments, spent a few days in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cohen and daughter, Suzanne, 87 Atlas Avenue, spent last week end in Buffalo.

Israel Zangwill, in a recent note from his home, Far End, East Preston, Sussex, England, praised the CANADIAN JEWISH REVIEW editorials by Rabbi Brickner.

Mrs. S. H. Lyon, Lauder Avenue, entertained at bridge Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. I. Singer, Wells Hill Avenue, entertained at bridge on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Jack Danowitz and son, Jerome, who were the guests of Mrs. Harry Pullan, Edgewood Crescent, have returned to Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mrs. David Vise, Cedarvale Mansions, is in New York.

Mrs. I. Geller, Augusta Avenue, had as her guests, Mrs. S. Weisman and Mrs. R. Mitnick, of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Joseph and daughter, Anne, have returned home after spending two weeks with their parents in Kitchener.

Miss Reva Geller has left for New York, to be the guest of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. M. Karp, for a few weeks.

Miss Lillian Green, Euclid Avenue, was hostess at a bridge, Sunday, in honour of Miss Geller. The prize-winners were Misses Gertrude Jackson and Rose Pearlman. Misses Edna Geller, Edith Ginsberg and Anne Weinstein, of Winnipeg, assisted the hostess.

Mrs. B. Vise, Barton Avenue, left Tuesday for New York.

Solomon Berkovitz, tenor, sang at the Women's Musical Art Association, last week.

Mrs. A. J. Levitt and children, Marcella and Victor, Lauder Avenue, are spending a few weeks in Atlantic City.

Mrs. H. Engel, of Oshawa, is spending a few days with her father, D. Papernick, of Henry Street.

Harry Kertzer, of Detroit, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kertzer, Grace Street.

Mrs. I. Behrman, Brooklyn, N.Y., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. Hochman, Grace Street.

Mrs. H. Clavir, 622 Huron Street, is giving a bridge at her home for the Weston Sanitarium Club, Tuesday afternoon, May 19th.

Frankel Rubinowitz, of New York, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hansher, Wells Hill Avenue, during his stay in Toronto.

Mrs. L. J. Nusbaum and daughter, of Rochester, who were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cohen, Palmerston Boulevard, returned home this week.

Mrs. H. Myron Marshack, Grenadier Road, has returned home after several months stay in Grand Rapids, Mount Clemens and Detroit.

Mrs. Eva Relis and children, of New York, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. M. Pivnick, Wells Hill Avenue, for a few weeks.

Miss Sadye Brody, Walmer Road, spent the week-end in Hamilton.

The officers and executive of the Jewish Children's Home, were at home on Sunday, from 3 to 6, at the home, 336 Annette Street, in honour of the bar-mitzvah of Sam Glickman. Services took place at the McCaul Street Synagogue on Wednesday morning. The guests were received by Mrs. M. L. Willinsky, Mrs. I. Cooper, Mrs. M. Kaplan and Mrs. M. Mehr. The bar-mitzvah was presented with a watch and chain on behalf of the Jewish Children's Home, by Reverend M. Kaplan, to whom he responded. The dining-room was decorated with [illegible]

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JUNIOR COUNCIL

Junior Council bridge, Wednesday afternoon, April 29, vestry rooms, Holy Blossom Synagogue.

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horwich, 1230 Bloor Street West, at the Toronto General Hospital, Saturday, April 18, a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. H. Engel, of Oshawa, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Hannah, to Morris Ambrose, of Oshawa. Marriage in Toronto, June 14.

YOUNG JUDAEA

Dr. John Shayne, National Fund Chairman for Ontario, addressed the Senior Council of Young Judaea, at their second re-union last Saturday evening at the Zionist Building, on "How I became a Zionist." Sam Godfrid was chairman. In an inter-club debate between the Hebron and Miriam circles. Ben Freedhof and M. Axler upheld the affirmative, and Misses Otis and Henry, the negative sides of, "Resolved that Nationalism, not anti-Semitism, is the basic cause of Zionism." Negative won. Judges, E. E. Gelber, E. Bloom and S. Freedhof. Miss L. Garfinkle led the audience in the singing of the Yiddish songs, "Der Ganave," and "Geht a Goy in Schenkle Herein." Dancing.

Saturday evening, Judas Circle minstrel show at the University Avenue, Synagogue chambers, proceeds in aid of the Keren Hayesod. Eddie Sniderman is the director of "Judas Jamboree," Oscar Neuman, business manager, and Hy. Litowitz, advertising manager, in charge of the programme.

The sing-song circle was led Wednesday evening, at the Zionist Building, by Misses L. Garfinkle and R. Siegel, assisted by lantern slides.

The oratorical contest planned for Sunday evening, April 26, has been postponed until the fourth Sunday in May, entries received until Sunday, May 17. During the last week, four new circles have been inducted in Young Judaea, for a six-weeks probationary period, before their permanent admission. L. Klein is the leader of the new Nordau Circle; M. Donn, Reading Circle. The other two circles are the Felix and the Jewish Junior Boys' circles.

The Nordau Circle officers are: M. Freeman, president; J. Sherman, vice-president; M. Brown, secretary; J. Minsky, treasurer; M. Kaplansky, literary director; J. Sherman, athletic director. Prospective members, phone Max Brown, Trinity 7706-M.

HEBREW WESTON SANITARIUM

A meeting of the Hebrew Weston Sanitarium was held at the home of Mrs. Pasternack, 227 University Avenue, Tuesday afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. A. Press, Lauder Avenue, thanks friends for flowers received during her illness.

The remains of Dr. Theodor Herzl will be exhumed and transferred for burial in Palestine, according to plans formulated by a committee formed in Vienna.

The proposed monument, models of which are being exhibited at the Pennsylvania Hotel and elsewhere, for the patriot and financier of the American Revolution, Haym Salomon, Polish Jew, has awakened widespread interest throughout the country among non-Jews, as well as Jews. The final decision of the jury, headed by Borough President Julius Miller, will be made public on the 1st of May.

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HADASSAH

New officers and conveners of committees of Hadassah Council met Friday, April 17. Reports were presented by the following conveners: Mrs. M. Kates, Keren Hayesod; Mrs. M. Wolfson, National Fund; Mrs. J. Selick, League of Nations; Mrs. I. Cohen, Tubercular School; Mrs. F. Hutner, Mrs. C. Rotenberg, Agricultural School; Mrs. H. Solway, Mrs. A. I. Willinsky, Mrs. A. B. Bennett, Coliseum; Mrs. B. Spyers, publicity; Mrs. J. Rashkofsky, Mrs. B. Vise, propaganda and bulletin; Mrs. D. Abramovitch, sewing chairman; Mrs. Mirochnik, Mrs. I. Cohen, house committee.

Naomi Chapter met April 20 at the home of Mrs. J. Lavene, 18 Normanna Avenue. Plans were discussed for a private dance to be held on May 2nd, at the Zionist Institute, to raise funds for the balance of the Keren Hayesod pledge. Mrs. M. Wellman, Mrs. S. H. Adman and Mrs. J. Broudy will convene the dance. Mrs. Wolfson, convener of National Fund, spoke.

Miriam Chapter meets Monday, April 27, at the home of Mrs. Schaul, Roncesvalles Avenue. Plans for the dance will be discussed.

Central Chapter meets at the Zionist Institute, April 27. H. M. Caserman, the newly appointed Zionist propagandist of Canada, will speak. Other Chapters invited.

Western Chapter met at the Zionist Institute Monday, April 20. A profit of about $450.00 was realized from the theatre night held recently at the Comedy Theatre. National Fund boxes were distributed. Certificates of trees were presented to various members.

Deborah Chapter held a towel shower at the home of Miss B. Muller, in aid of the hospitals in Palestine. One hundred towels were received. Misses L. Papernick, F. Penarsky and Hilda Factor assisted the hostess. The next meeting at the home of Miss Adele Rothbart, Tuesday, April 28.

Rose Chapter met at the home of Mrs. D. Dunkelman, Monday, April 20. Books of tickets were distributed for the hope chest to be raffled by the Chapter to pay the pledge of the Keren Hayesod. Committee: Mesdames L. Berk, H. Solway and D. Dunkelman. Mrs. M. Wolfson, convener of the National Fund of Toronto, spoke. A. Solomon gave a description of his experiences in Palestine, as a member of the Jewish legion that fought under Lord Allenby. Miss M. Morrison sang.

Junior Hadassah met Sunday, April 12 at the Zionist Institute. Officers elected: President, Miss M. Wolfson; vice-president, Miss T. Goldberg; recording secretary, Miss M. Rogul; corresponding secretary, Miss J. Solomon; treasurer, Miss S. Yanikoff; dramatic convener, Miss R. Lavine; National Fund, Miss M. Falick; literary, Misses S. Fallick and E. Bloom; sewing, Miss A. Snookler; music, Miss S. Kurtzer. Miss Bertha Minden, of Hamilton, played the piano. Installation of officers at the next meeting.

Central Chapter of Hadassah met at the Zionist Institute, Monday, April 20, Mrs. L. M. Schwartz presiding. Arrangements were made for the pure food sale, May 26. Booths: bread and noodles, Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Wolfish, Mrs. Goldhar; dairy booth, Mrs. A. Selick, Mrs. Solway and Mrs. Murantchick; cafeteria, Mrs. Abramovitz, Mrs. Fine, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Nerrol, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lazeresco; cake booth, Mrs. Caplan, Mrs. Shapen, Mrs. Garfunkel; Miss Sylvia Kertzer, aprons and towels; dancing and door checks, Mrs. H. Posen, Mrs. L. Kamerner; candy, Mrs. Garbe, Mrs. Leibowitz. Mrs. Salkowitz; fish convenor, Mrs. V. Finston. Committees are out for collection of dues. Next meeting, Monday, April 27, at 3 p.m. H. M. Caiserman, national organizer for Canada, will speak.

MASCOTS

The Mascots met at the home of Florence Lavinne, Braemore Gardens, Sunday, April 19. It was decided to hold a May-day celebration and sale, Wednesday, May 13, at the Zionist Building. Convenors for novelties: Florence Kamman, Zelda Dunkelman, Frances Schwartz, Theresa Harris and Ruth Cohen; candies: Florence Lavinne and Frances Lewis; cakes: Dorothy Wolfson, Hyla Lewis and Helen Hershman. Thelma Clavir and Beulah Hutner are arranging the programme and bridge. Proceeds of sale go to Keren Hayesod pledge. Bluebirds will choose convenors at their next meeting.

A Masonic lodge, bearing the name of the late Samuel Gompers, is being formed in Washington. Mr. Gompers' son, Henry J. Gompers, 32nd degree, will be the Master of the new lodge. Samuel Gompers was a member of Dawson Masonic Lodge, of Washington, was a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite, and was a member of the Shrine, the Grotto and the Eastern Star. He was also honorary member of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 0, of Scotland, the oldest Masonic lodge in the world.

Prominent among the 2,000 bondholders of the new Guild Theatre which opened in New York last Monday night, are Jascha Heifetz, Aaron Nadelberg, Otto H. Kahn, W. J. Robinson, A. N. Hallgarten, Maurice Wertheim, Edgar Speyer, Felix Warburg, George Blumenthal, Hugo Helburn, Abram Kaplan, Marguerite Schwartzenbach, Dorothy Whitney Straight, Mrs. Emma S. Werthein, Osmond K. Frankel, Paul Herzog, M. Morgenthau and Max D. Steuer. The bonds were in denominations ranging from $100 to $10,000 and have netted the total sum of $550,000

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EDITORIAL

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In Eastern Europe and America, Jewish religious life and interest which fostered, inspired and supported Jewish scholarship by creating a *milieu* for it, is at very low ebb. Our gifted young men now turn to the professions, and to business, instead of, as formerly, to Jewish scholarship and the rabbinate, for their careers. It reminds one of the story related by Chief Rabbi Hertz of the complaint a wealthy Jewish parent in one of the South African communities registered with him, saying: "Rabbi, I want your advice—what should I do? I have a bright young son, but he has gotten it into his head that he wants to become a rabbi—what kind of a business is that for a Jewish boy?" I know that it is indeed a sad picture that I am painting, but it is due to the colours I am compelled to use, and the canvass I must paint on, and not to an inherent pessimism that makes me see clouds where others see sunshine. Where is the ray of light coming from? Where are those scholars, whom, according to Saadia, God inspires and enlightens at every period so that His nation may not be left without its leaders? In Jewry it is the Jewish scholar who is in reality the leader. The Jewish people have been and must remain "the people of the Book." We are not, neither by inheritance or outlook, the people of the pocket-book

I do not think it is possible to train Jewish scholars like Schechter, Deutsch, Fredlaender, Malter, Neumark, excepting in a "milieu" such as they were reared, and of which they were the products. Furthermore, I do not have the faith that we can reproduce this "milieu" in America. A Jewish scholar must have a thorough training in rabbinic literature—that is, in Bible and Talmud. It takes years to acquire this training, the foundations must be laid in the period from early childhood through adolescence. During this period one's whole time almost must be devoted to Jewish study. We have neither the spirit nor the students nor the academies to create this. And why? We in America are committed to the public school system, where the youth spends the greatest portion of the day in secular studies. Even if the child daily attends the Tamud Torah after school hours, and is a good and willing student, the Talmud Torahs, as they are at present organized, and even if they become more efficient, can not give the necessary training in Bible, Talmud and rabbinic literature that is required. The rabbinical academies that train our rabbis must face the fact that the students who come to them are not equipped as they should be in Tamud and Jewish studies, because of the failure of our elementary Jewish schools. The years spent in the rabbinical academy are comparatively few, and often they must be divided between the university and the rabbinical school. The modern rabbi graduates with, at best, a cursory knowledge and bowing acquaintance with the sources of Jewish learning. In addition, the rabbinical calling in America is not one that is conducive to the further pursuit of Jewish scholarship. An active congregation to which he may be called, demands of the rabbi that he be a good organizer, mixer, orator, preacher, that he be able to address rotary clubs, and travelling men's conventions, as well as preach on the latest novel. He becomes a communal worker, parochial visitor and jack-of-all-trades, but the trade of Jewish scholarship. He is happy to be able to keep in touch with the works of Jewish scholarship, let alone contribute works of Jewish scholarship. In the face of these conditions, where are our American Jewish scholars to come from? Those younger American professional scholars, whom we have produced, like Morgenstern, Adler and a few others, for whom we are indeed grateful, but only some miracle can explain them, and at best, they are but the exceptions that prove the rule

I have no solution to propound to this problem. The untimely death of Malter and Neumark, within the short span of a few months, has set me thinking, and I am writing in the hope that it will set us all thinking about this tragic condition in American Jewish life, which conditions and our negligence has produced. As a community and as individuals, we may pile up wealth and institutions, but if we do not produce Jewish scholars and Jewish learning we are lost.

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Jacob Ben-Ami, who will be remembered by readers of THE REVIEW for his excellent performances a year ago and also the year before, is coming to the Standard Theatre, the local home of the Yiddish drama, for a limited number of Yiddish performances. Ben-Ami's local engagements in the past have been characterized by performances of the highest artistic standard. Ben-Ami, who only recently closed a very successful season in vaudeville, where he was headlined under the banner of the Keith offices, will open his local engagement Friday evening, April 24, in Mark Arnstein's play entitled "Wilner Balbesil" ("The Little Citizen of Wilna"). The play deals with the tragic struggle that ensues between the artistic urge and the early orthodox religious training of the hero.

SHEA'S

Roger Imhof, Marcelle Coreene & Co. are back in vaudeville, and will present their original character study, "In a Pest House" at Shea's Theatre next week. They share headline honours with Madeline Collins. Fred Borrens and Lora Foster offer a modern musical fantasy. They are assisted by Miss Ampico, a recording piano. Mr. Barrens is a musician and he combines his ability with the mechanical instrument effectively and beautifully. Miss Foster, a dancer, is the capable third part of this triangle.

Lydia Barry is a fine example of the theory of heredity. Her father was one of the best comedians of his day and his daughter is one of the finest comediennes of her day. She is singing a repertoire of exclusive songs and presents them in a way that is original and delightful.

Ward and Van impersonate street musicians. They are accomplished musicians, one a harpist and the other a violinist. There is a bit of comedy running throughout, the act forming an entirely pleasant offering.

The Four Diamonds Hughie, Phoebe, Thomas and Harold—appear in a perfect setting, and present a routine of sensational acrobatic dancing. Beege and Qupee are roller skaters. Their feature, "Up Side-Down 2 in 1," is something totally different.

Octavus Roy Cohen, Jr., son of the well-known Birmingham (Ala.) short-story writer and novelist, although only nine, has had a story accepted for publication. He is a precocious youngster. He plays baseball, boxes, wrestles and quite humanly cuts up like other youngsters of his age. It is said that young Cohen knows the music of all the operas.

CANADIANS IN LOS ANGELES

Mrs. L. Grodzins, Third Avenue, entertained at a benefit mah jongg party for the Hebrew Sheltering Home.

The wedding took place Sunday, April 5, of Miss Bessie Canter and M. Weiss. Rabbi S. M. Neches performed the ceremony at the home of the bride's sister, Bellevue Avenue.

Mrs. Marget, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Rich, for the past three months, is returning shortly to Montreal.

Miss Reba Gross, of Montreal, was a week-end guest of Mrs. L. Frischling, while on her way to visit her mother in San Francisco.

Mr. Geo. Hirsch is recovering from a recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Jassby have returned from San Francisco.

Mrs. H. Lipsey is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Glickman, Gramercy Place.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidersky, who have spent several weeks in Los Angeles, are returning to their home in Hamilton, Ontario.

Born to Mrs. Leon Fink (nee Anne Shandorff), a baby daughter, Tuesday, April 7, at the Kaspare Cohn Hospital, Boyle Heights.

Mrs. L. Frischling entertained informally at her home on Monday afternoon.

The marriage is announced of Miss Reta Robitaille and Herman Rosenthal, of Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal are living at the Harriet Apartments, 38th and Hill Streets.

Delegates of the Los Angeles Council of Jewish Women at the convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs, in Santa Barbara, April 14, included Mesdames David Gordon, E. Elias, Stodel, Loewen and S. Goodman.

Mrs. F. Althouse, 526 N. Soto Street, entertained at bridge, in honour of Mrs. Goldenhart, of Oakland. Her guests included Mesdames Rosen, R. Althouse, G. Hirsch, Lerner, Myers, of Oklahoma, Shacove, Smorence, Kanner, Toronto, Drucker, R. Goldenhart and Miss Evelyn Goldenhart.

Mrs. P. B. Glickman was at home Monday afternoon.

HAMILTON

B.J.S.C.

The executive meeting of the B.J.S.C. was held Sunday, April 19. Reports. The club magazine, "Bath Kol," will be out shortly. The annual dance was held. Annual banquet, Sunday, May 10.

Anshe Sholom, Iser L. Freund, Rabbi. 143 Hughson Street South, Hamilton, Ont.

The Passover concluding sermon Wednesday night was "The Red Sea Crossed."

Friday night Rabbi Freund spoke on "The Pyramids."

For Saturday morning, following an early traditional service, Rabbi Freund has instituted a children's service, conducted principally by one of the children.

Sunday morning the executive board met.

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Tuesday, April 14, at Mount Hamilton Hospital, Hamilton, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tick (nee Rae Ross), 1414 King Street East, a son.

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